gharia, West Bengal was taken over under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 with effect from 24th October, 1981. The circumstances of the case require that several aspects are required to be gone into and hence it has not been possible to take a decision in this regard.

Nationalisation of tetile and jute mills

730. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to nationalise textile and jute mills in the coutry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Nationalisation of textiles mill of Bombay

731. DR. R. K PODDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state what are the reasons for the delay in nationalising the 13 sick textile mills of Bombay which were taken over in October, 1983?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The nationalisation of the 13 Bombay mills could not be undertaken so far because a detailed examination of the various alternative courses of action is necessary

Uniform tax code

732. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a uniform tax code;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government proposes to introduce a tax code relating to direct taxes.

(b) The tentative proposals formulated by the Government were published in the form of a Discussion Paper, which was placed on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 14th August, 1986. Final decisions in regard thereto are being taken in the light of the comments and suggestions received in response to the Discussion Paper.

(c) A comprehensive Bill amending the direct tax laws is proposed to be introduced in Parliament shortly. The tax code will then be taken up and introduced in the next financial year.

733. [*Transferred to the 21st November, 1986*].

Minimum wages for agricultural labour

734. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a Central legislation on agricultural labour to ensure minimum wages and humane conditions of work;

(b) whether there is any State Legislation ensuring minimum wages within their respective States;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any machinery for settling disputes of agricultural labourers with the employers;